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OPA Daily Digest for 6/5/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Example: Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Letter – 4/23/13: Constituent concerns about selling/purchasing land that is designated as part of a Superfund site in Jefferson and St. Francois counties. Due: 5/18/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Sen. Charles Grassley (Iowa) – Letter – 6/4/13: Questions on Disposal Settlement/Marine Shale Processors Site PRP Group. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Register – Mary Nevans-Pederson – 6/5/13 – Questions about proposed delisting of properties from the Omaha Lead Superfund Site, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Lincoln Journal Star – Nancy Hicks – 6/5/13 – Attended Lincoln, Neb., Brownfields grant press event. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

KLIN FM Radio – Jane Mononich – 6/5/13 - Attended Lincoln, Neb., Brownfields grant press event. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

KFOR FM Radio – Jill St. James – 6/5/13 – Attended Lincoln, Neb., Brownfields grant press event. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

KOLN TV Ch. 10/11 – John Haxby – 6/5/13 – Attended Lincoln, Neb., Brownfields grant press event. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

KLKN TV Ch. 8 – Bill Schammert – 6/5/13 - Attended Lincoln, Neb., Brownfields grant press event. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Riverfront Times - Bridgeton Landfill: One Step Closer to Not Smelling Horrible, Stopping Underground Fire - 6/4/13 - The Missouri attorney general's office announced yesterday that workers at the trash site have finished removing the six "reinforced concrete pipes" that were apparently contributing to the awful stench and the "underground smoldering" that activists say is particularly worrisome.
http://blogs.riverfronttimes.com/dailyrft/2013/06/bridgeton_landfill_pipe_removal.php

Omaha World-Herald - EPA: 1,154 properties taken off Omaha's lead cleanup list - 6/4/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday that it is ready to remove 1,154 properties from a list of 11,425 properties included in the Omaha Lead Superfund Site.
<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130604/NEWS/706059922/1707>

WOWT Ch. 6 Omaha - Omaha's Lead Clean Up Progressing - 6/5/13 - National and regional EPA officials, along with state and local leaders announced EPA's proposed deletion of 1,154 properties from the National Priorities List at the Omaha Lead Superfund Site. <http://www.wowt.com/news/headlines/Omahas-Lead-Clean-Up-Progressing-210209181.html>

WOWT Ch. 6 Omaha - EPA Says Over A Thousand Omaha Properties Now Lead-Free - 6/4/13 - The \$279.5 million Omaha lead contamination cleanup that began in 1999 is nearly complete, and the Environmental Protection Agency is ready to begin declaring some properties lead-free. <http://www.wowt.com/news/headlines/EPA-Says-Over-A-Thousand-Omaha-Properties-Now-Lead-Free-210117501.html>

Associated Press - EPA says 1,154 Omaha properties now lead-free – 6/4/13 - The largest residential lead

contamination cleanup in the nation should be completed by the end of 2015 if the work in Omaha continues at the current pace, Environmental Protection Agency officials said Tuesday. <http://www.wral.com/epa-says-1-154-omaha-properties-now-lead-free/12514529/>

Also Lincoln Journal-Star

Southeast Missourian (Cape Girardeau, Mo.) - Conservative Republican Smith wins big in 8th District - 6/5/13 - A new chapter of Republican control in Missouri's 8th Congressional District began Tuesday when Salem, Mo., native Jason Smith easily defeated his Democratic opponent, Steve Hodges, in a stand-alone special election that named a replacement for former congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson. <http://www.semissourian.com/story/1975218.html>

Associated Press - EPA: Spend billions to upgrade aging water systems - 6/4/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency says nearly \$400 billion in infrastructure spending is needed over the next two decades to ensure that Americans continue to have safe drinking water. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/06/04/2832344/epa-spend-billions-to-upgrade.html>

Des Moines Register - Iowa View: Soil erosion is washing away Iowa's farms - 6/5/13 - Many prairie pothole lakes will be filled by soil in the next century from unabated runoff. Most of it we cannot see. A gulley-washer should make it evident to us all: We are doing a lousy job conserving what God created. It's a sin, the moralist might say. We would agree. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130605/OPINION01/306050063/1035/>

Associated Press - Iowa copes with nitrate surge in drinking water - 6/5/13 - For much of last year, Iowa's most pressing agricultural problem was a drought that baked farm fields and parched crops, turning them brown and crumbly. Then the skies finally opened up, providing one of the soggiest springs on record. http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/iowa-copes-with-nitrate-surge-in-drinking-water/article_c0f6bcad-2b37-528e-b226-99764451f1b0.html

Quad-City Times - MidAmerican decides against nuke plant - 6/5/13 - MidAmerican Energy Co. has decided against building a nuclear plant or a natural gas plant in Wilton. http://qctimes.com/news/local/midamerican-decides-against-nuke-plant/article_cf5a1f32-4a62-5d87-a8ba-da4c73f0343b.html

Wichita Eagle - Wichita to draw more water from Equus Beds, offer conservation rebates - 6/5/13 - Wichita will shift more of the burden of its water needs to the Equus Beds aquifer and create a conservation rebate plan to extend the life of Cheney Reservoir at least two more years. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/06/04/2832102/wichita-to-draw-more-water-from.html>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Heineman signs bill to offer wind energy tax incentives - 6/5/13 - Gov. Dave Heineman

signed a bill into law Tuesday that will pave the way for a massive wind farm project in Nebraska.

http://journalstar.com/legislature/heineman-signs-bill-to-offer-wind-energy-tax-incentives/article_d25a94c6-9d40-5df1-b822-54b7b4badb27.html

Omaha World-Herald - Drama over: Heineman signs bill on wind energy tax breaks - 6/5/13 - Gov. Dave

Heineman took much of the drama out of the final day of the 2013 state legislative session, signing into law Tuesday a bill granting new tax breaks for wind energy development.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130604/NEWS/706059989>

St. Louis Star-Journal - Ameren to invest \$62 million in BizSavers energy efficiency program - 6/5/13 -

Ameren Missouri plans to invest \$62 million from 2013 to 2015 in the BizSavers program, part of the company's 3-year, \$147 million plan to upgrade energy efficiency programs.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/06/ameren-to-invest-62-million-in.html>

Des Moines Register - Oil group asks Supreme Court to ban new E15 ethanol blend - 6/5/13 - The U.S. oil and gas industry on Tuesday bolstered its argument for the Supreme Court to strike down the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to allow a higher blend of ethanol in newer automobiles.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130605/BUSINESS01/306050062/1001/>

WOWT Ch. 6 Omaha, Neb. – EPA Grant to Clean Up Haymarket – 6/4/13 - National and regional EPA

officials will visit Lincoln, Neb., on Wednesday, June 5, to present \$400,000 in EPA Brownfields grants to representatives of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency. <http://www.wowt.com/news/headlines/EPA-Grant-to-Clean-Up-Haymarket-210054481.html>

Chanute Tribune - Wilson County oil cleanup almost complete - 6/4/13 - Officials with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) said only stains and residue remain from a 1,000-gallon oil leaked into a tributary of Buffalo Creek in March.

<http://tinyurl.com/WilsonCountyOil>

Sioux City Journal (S.D.) - Up to \$5 million to be invested in Sioux City ash facility - 6/5/13 - A Sioux Falls company plans to use ash from a Sioux City power plant for use in concrete. Between \$3 million and \$5 million will be invested locally.

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/up-to-million-to-be-invested-in-sioux-city-ash/article_cc95af1f-c0b3-587e-8b11-afb02c03d648.html

Midwest Energy News - As energy picture changes, Midwest grid operator considers a longer outlook - 6/5/13 -

As more coal plants face retirement, the Midwest's main grid operator wants to change its planning process to look further into the future. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/06/05/as-energy-picture-changes-midwest-grid-operator-considers-a-longer-outlook/>

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AgWeb - Manure Management Concerns Caused By Recent Wet Weather - 6/5/13 - The wet spring has raised many concerns about manure management for Iowa crop and livestock farmers. http://www.agweb.com/article/manure_management_concerns_caused_by_recent_wet_weather/

Environmental Leader - AB InBev to Cut Water Use, GHGs, Packaging - 6/5/13 - Anheuser-Busch InBev today committed to seven global environmental goals to reduce water use and water risk, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, packaging and energy use. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/06/05/ab-inbev-to-cut-water-use-ghgs-packaging/>

Politico - Amendments could sink bipartisan energy bill - 6/5/13 - The pent-up demand for Senate energy legislation may doom the few bills on the topic that seemed to have a chance of passing. <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/06/energy-bill-amendments-helium-92229.html>

Washington Times - HURT: EPA sets its sights on eradicating human race - 6/4/13 - If the 10 most dangerous words in the English language are, "Hi, I'm from the government and I'm here to help," then the Environmental Protection Agency offers something even more terrifying. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/jun/4/hurt-epa-sets-its-sights-on-eradicating-human-race/>

Environmental Leader - Geothermal Energy Benefits '\$278m Annually' - 6/5/13 - Geothermal energy produces little to no greenhouse gas emissions, which provides annual health and environmental benefits to the US valued at \$278 million. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/06/05/geothermal-energy-benefits-278m-annually/>

Los Angeles Times - U.S. water infrastructure needs \$384-billion upgrade, EPA says - 6/4/13 - The federal government must spend at least \$384 billion to improve the nation's drinking water infrastructure in order to ensure the safe delivery of water to Americans for the next 20 years. <http://www.latimes.com/news/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-water-survey-20130604,0,5727068.story>

Domestic Fuel - Climate Change Raises Stakes on US Biofuels Policy - 6/5/13 - According to a new study by Rice University and the University of California at Davis, if the climate continues to evolve as predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the U.S. stands little to no chance of satisfying its current Rice Corn Ethanol and Waterbiofuels goals. <http://domesticfuel.com/2013/06/05/climate-change-raises-stakes-on-us-biofuels->

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Yale Environment 360 - Nanofilter System Can Deliver Clean Water to Rural Families for \$2.50 - 6/4/13 - Indian scientists have developed a filter system they say can provide clean water to rural families for less than \$2.50 per year and help reduce incidences of diarrhea that cause tens of thousands of deaths in the developing world annually. http://e360.yale.edu/digest/nanofilter_system_can_deliver_clean_water_to_rural_families_for_250/3860/

Christian Science Monitor - Rail vs. pipeline: How should we ship oil? - 6/4/13 - The debate over shipping oil via pipelines versus rail hinges on access, price and reliability, Graeber writes. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0604/Rail-vs.-pipeline-How-should-we-ship-oil>

NPR - Already Hampered By Floods, Midwest Preps For More Rain - 5/4/13 - Both the Mississippi and Missouri rivers are flooding again. The floods have closed the river to barge traffic near St. Louis and are threatening some small towns north of there following a levee breach. On top of that, more rain is in the forecast. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=188699190&ft=1&f=1025>

Environmental Leader - Hotter Planet Will Make Corn Ethanol Unviable - 6/5/13 - If climate change continues at its current pace, in 40 years a hotter planet will lower corn production by 7 percent while requiring a 9 percent increase in irrigation water, putting US biofuel goals out of reach. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/06/05/hotter-planet-will-make-corn-ethanol-unviable/>

BNA - Conservation Programs Would Be Cut By 9 Percent in Senate Version of Farm Bill - 6/5/13 - Conservation program spending would be cut by about 9 percent over the next 10 years from current levels under the 2013 farm bill that the Senate resumed debating June 3. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31908820&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9d5e5d0&split=0

BNA - EPA Releases Survey Estimating \$384 Billion Needed for Drinking Water Infrastructure - 6/5/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency released a report June 4 estimating that \$384 billion in improvements are needed for U.S. drinking water infrastructure through 2030. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31908824&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9d6z9x2&split=0

BNA - Coal Ash Bill Offering Clarifications On EPA Authority Introduced in House - 6/5/13 - Rep. David McKinley (R-W.Va.) has introduced House legislation that would add deadlines for states to issue coal ash permits and strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to assess potential deficiencies in state ash management programs. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31908828&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9d7e6j6&split=0

BNB - Infrastructure Financing Needs Best Met By Combining Funding Options, CRS Says - 6/5/13 - A
Congressional Research Service report laid out an array of options for financing much-needed upgrades sewage treatment and drinking water infrastructure.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31908837&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9d7h7m8&split=0

BNB - Lawyers' View of EPA's Draft Final Guidance for Vapor Intrusion: Public Comments Are Needed to Advocate for a More Practical Approach - 6/5/13 - EPA's inclusion of a series of overly conservative assumptions and steps throughout the guidance will exacerbate existing challenges for vapor intrusion investigations and burden property owners, communities, and responsible parties with vapor intrusion studies that may not be warranted.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31908838&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9d7h7p9&split=0

Inside EPA - EPA Rejects Claims Of Inadequate Air Monitoring Mandates In Utility MACT - 6/4/13 - EPA is rejecting environmentalists' legal claims that the agency maximum achievable control technology (MACT) air toxics rule for existing power plants sets air quality monitoring mandates that are too weak. <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-06/06/2013/epa-rejects-claims-of-inadequate-air-monitoring-mandates-in-utility-mact/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Prepares 'Kickoff' Workshop On Data To Inform SO2 NAAQS Review - 6/4/13 - EPA is hosting a "kickoff" workshop later this month to launch its next Clean Air Act-mandated five-year review of the sulfur dioxide (SO2) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-06/06/2013/epa-prepares-kickoff-workshop-on-data-to-inform-so2-naaqs-review/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Floats Key Flexibilities For States Implementing 2008 Ozone NAAQS - 6/4/13 - EPA is proposing to give states significant flexibilities in how they craft air quality plans for attaining the agency's contested 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-06/06/2013/epa-floats-key-flexibilities-for-states-implementing-2008-ozone-naaqs/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Readies Guide For States To Craft Multipollutant 'Infrastructure' SIPs - 6/4/13 - EPA is aiming to issue this month a novel multipollutant guidance for how states can craft "infrastructure" state implementation plans (SIPs) for complying with several national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in one plan. <http://insideepa.com/Clean-Air-Report/Clean-Air-Report-06/06/2013/epa-readies-guide-for-states-to-craft-multipollutant-infrastructure-sips/menu-id-68.html>

Inside EPA - Republicans Revise Coal Ash Bill But Decline To Add Key Safety Standard - 6/4/13 - House Republicans have revised their bill preempting EPA's pending coal ash disposal standards that seeks to address key concerns raised by EPA and the Congressional Research Service (CRS) in prior versions of the legislation. <http://insideepa.com/201306042436521/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/republicans-revise-coal-ash-bill-but-decline-to-add-key-safety-standard/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Advocates Oppose House Waste Bills - 6/4/13 - Several dozen environmental groups are strongly opposing EPA cleanup legislation being marked up by a House subcommittee June 6, charging the draft bills would delay remediation, block the listing of new waste sites, delay regulation of coal ash and other disposal standards and weaken financial assurance requirements for hardrock mines. <http://insideepa.com/201306042436526/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/advocates-oppose-house-waste-bills/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks To Bridge CWA, SDWA Gaps To Better Protect Source Waters - 6/5/13 - EPA is ramping up its focus on better integrating Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) tools as part of its emerging source water protection initiatives, an effort the agency says is needed to limit contamination and potential treatment costs from emerging contaminants. <http://insideepa.com/201306052436588/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-seeks-to-bridge-cwa-sdwa-gaps-to-better-protect-source-waters/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Guides For CCS Water Permits Raise Questions On Area Of Review Plan - 6/5/13 - EPA has recently issued final guidance aimed at assisting regulators in permitting carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) projects under new Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) rules. <http://insideepa.com/201306052436587/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-guides-for-ccs-water-permits-raise-questions-on-area-of-review-plan/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

HarenLaughlin Construction Company of Lenexa, Kan., to Pay \$27,286 Penalty for Failure to Use Lead-Safe Work Practices and Notify Property Owner of Lead Risks – 6/5/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

6/18/13 – Design Workshop, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

6/18/13 – Meet with City of Springfield Officials, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

6/19/13 – Joint MDNR/EPA Lead Tour, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Gene Gunn, 7776

6/20/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

6/20/13 – Congressional Briefing – Bannister Federal Complex, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

6/23-25/13 - Senior Leadership Retreat – Washington, DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

6/25/13 – Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

6/27/13 – Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

7/25/13 – Environmental Conference at the Lake – Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

7/26/13 – 2013 Regional Local Emergency Planning and Response Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

DRA:

None

SA:

None

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

6/7/13 – Complete Green Streets Building Blocks workshop, Bellevue, Neb. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

6/18-20/13 – Complete Green Street Design Workshop, Joplin, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

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6/25/13 – Public Meeting for the West Lake Landfill Site, Pattonville High School, Maryland Heights, Mo. Contacts: Chris Whitley, 7394; Debbie Kring, 7725

6/25/13 – West Lake Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

6/27/13 – Carter Carburetor Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

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6/5/13 – Kinder Morgan Pipeline Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

6/6/13 – Kansas Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Response meeting, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

6/7/13 – Missouri Emergency Response Committee virtual meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

6/7/13 – US Army Corps of Engineers/Federal Emergency Management Agency Senior Leaders' Seminar, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

6/13/13 – Chicago Heights Community Action Group (CAG) meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Dan Gravatt, 7324

6/14/13 – Kansas Emergency Management Hazmat/Radiological Awareness Day, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Manuel Schmaedick, 7449

6/11-12/13 – Regional Interagency Steering Committee meeting and Federal Emergency Management Agency - Region 7 All-Hazards Plan Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

6/25-26/13 – Advance Boat Operation and Safety Training, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Eric Nold, 7488

6/27/13 – Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region 7 All-Hazards Plan Table-Top Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Susan Fisher, 7919

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

WWPD

6/3-7/13 - Wetlands Delineation Course instructor, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Contact: Jason Daniels, 7443

6/5-6/13 – EPA and Ground Water Protection Council Aquifer Exemption Policy Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

6/5/13 – Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez Santiago, 7036

6/10/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water State Revolving Fund annual meeting, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez Santiago, 7036

6/11-13/13 - National Wetlands Meeting, New York, N.Y. Contact: Brad Horchem, 7137